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### **California Department of Toxic Substances Control Applauds U.S EPA for Providing Millions in Stimulus Money for Toxic Clean-up**

*Frontier Fertilizer Superfund Site Clean-Up Will Provide Environmental  
and Economic Benefits to Davis*

**SACRAMENTO**, Calif. – Department of Toxic Substances Control Acting Director Maziar Movassaghi issued the following statement on U.S. EPA's distribution up to \$5 million in stimulus money to clean up a Superfund site east of Davis.

"I applaud U.S. EPA's investment in the clean-up of Frontier Fertilizer. These stimulus dollars will provide green jobs and improved environmental protections for the Davis area."

In the 1970s and 1980s chemical and fertilizer companies operated at this site. For years since, toxic chemicals including pesticides and herbicides have been leaking into soil and groundwater, the primary source of drinking water in the area.

"Accelerating the clean-up will prevent further contamination of drinking water and substantially reduce the State of California's long-term pumping and treatment costs," Movassaghi added.

The funding will safeguard dozens of green jobs as California continues to cleanup this important area and continues its leadership in environmental issues.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control has been involved in the cleanup of the Frontier Fertilizer site for more than fifteen years. One modern scientific method the Department is using involves a complex process of heating the soil which will ultimately lead to cleaner groundwater and soil. This process, which also expedites the cleanup, will ultimately mean less cost to the state

The utilization of the process will also reduce public health risks by helping prevent contaminants from reaching ground water in residential areas. And the cleanup will allow for additional retail development because of the location's proximity to Interstate 80.

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***The mission of the Department of Toxic Substances Control is to protect  
public health, safety, and the environment from toxic harm.***